

JASON C. DINSMORE

EDUCATION

Wayne State University, College of Law, Detroit, MI

- Juris Doctor, May 2010
- Member of Wayne Environmental Law Society
- Awarded the 2009 Public Interest Law Fellowship

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

- B.S., Fisheries and Wildlife Management, May 2002
- President of MSU Fisheries and Wildlife Club, 2001
- Student athlete, Mens Volleyball, 2000-2002

EXPERIENCE

Minnesota Conservation Federation

Executive Director, January 2018 – Present

- Oversight of the administration, programs, and strategic plan of the organization
- Developed business plan, modernizing the organization and setting them on a path to successfully compete within the NGO conservation community
- Serve as the organizations primary spokesperson to MNCF's constituents, the media, and the general public
- Establish and maintain relationships with various organizations throughout the state and utilize those relationships to strategically enhance MNCF's mission

National Wildlife Federation

Regional Representative, April 2010 – Present

- Advocate for national, regional, and state wildlife priorities before decision makers at all levels of government
- Liason between NWF national offices and our state-based affiliate networks in the states of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Indiana
- Built a strong “grasstops” and “grassroots” network to achieve national, regional, and statewide conservation goals and victories
- Responsible for managing and facilitating programmatic partnerships with NWF's affiliates and partner organizations
- Facilitate grant review and implementation for national, regional, and state-wide programming
- Past Minnesota DNR Budget Oversight Committee and Wildlife Oversight Committee member
- Facilitation of policy discussions and plan development within the federation and stakeholder organizations on sensitive wildlife topics including wolf management, mining, wildlife disease, conservation funding, and invasive species.

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Great Lakes Environmental Law Center

Student Legal Associate, May 2009 – April 2010

- Legal research and interpreted state and federal Freedom of Information Acts.
- Composed legal briefs regarding state and federal environmental statutes and cases on behalf of individual clients and the Center.
- Represented non-profit organizations and individuals on environmental legal issues, including mining law, Freedom of Information Act, and the Clean Water Act

Free Legal Aid Clinic, WSU Law School, Detroit, MI

Family Law Student Attorney, August 2008 – May 2009

- Represented Wayne County (MI) residents in divorce proceedings, child support and custody, and tenant actions

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Lansing, MI

Legal Department Intern, Executive Office, June – August 2008

- Legal research for DEQ Executive, Governor, and Attorney General's office
- Drafted proposals for decision resulting from contested case hearings before Administrative Law Judges

Michigan United Conservation Clubs, Lansing, MI

Environmental Policy Specialist and Lobbyist, 2002 - 2007

- Developed extensive relationships with state and federal lawmakers and management agencies
- Liason between state government, partnering organizations, and organization's membership
- Represented organization's membership in Inland Tribal Treaty Lawsuit (Treaty of 1836, United States v. Michigan) after organization had been granted amicus status.
- Represented organization on the scientific advisory council to the Great Lakes Fishery Trust and advisor to executive director on applications to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board.

Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Michigan State University, Shingleton, MI

Summer Research Intern, May – August 2001

Student Conservation Association (SCA), Seattle, WA

Conservation Work Crew, July – August 1998

CERTIFICATIONS



JASON C. DINSMORE

- Member in good standing - Michigan Bar Association and the American Bar Association
- Natural Resources Leadership Project – Mediation/Leadership course
- Great Lakes Fishery Leadership Institute
- Project WILD, WILD Aquatic, and Wonders of Wetlands Certified Instructor
- Certified Naturalist through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources

REFERENCES AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

